

Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents and Guardians,

The Falcon school year is off to a great start! Classes are well underway, and our athletic teams are busy with activity. Band students are practicing and perfecting their 2023 field show, and our Theatre students are working on *Canterville Ghost*, which opens September 28th and runs through October 7th. Student Council is showing its strength and leadership by attending the annual spirit conference last week. Link Crew hosted a successful freshman tailgate before Friday's Falcon football game.

The first grading period is scheduled to end on October 6th. Progress reports are accessible through ParentVUE now. We want to remind students who require additional help to make use of the opportunity to schedule a meeting with their teachers during the Friday Academic Assistance period from 9:05-9:35 or before/after school by appointment. We also encourage students to explore the academic resources available at the CFHS academic resources [link](#).

CFHS is hosting college visits again this year on campus. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to meet with the colleges of interest but are reminded that they must seek permission from the teachers for any classes that would be missed at least 24 hours before the visit. Counselors met with English classes during the last few weeks of August to review the college application process and how to use [MaiaLearning](#) to request transcripts and any necessary recommendation letters. Parents are welcome to sign on to their students' [MaiaLearning](#) account from home to peruse the website and discuss the information. Our CFHS [counselors](#) look forward to supporting you through your senior year and the post-secondary planning process. We hope these FAQs provide the initial framework for the college application process and that you take advantage of the Info Sessions and Senior Labs for further assistance. Please keep this FAQ sheet for future reference. Updates will be added to the document via Google Docs at bit.ly/CollegeAppFAQ. Our counselors make themselves available to students during the school day and are available by appointment for students with individual questions.

The CFHS Club Fair is happening during both lunch periods on Friday, September 22nd. Existing clubs and potential new members can find more details at the House 2 front desk. Students can visit each club's table and explore their interests. Clubs are looking for new members for the upcoming 23-24 school year. Students are encouraged to participate and either join an existing club or start a new one.

Our campus construction is progressing. The school improvements and the addition to the fine arts building will continue until the end of the school year. We appreciate your help in dropping off and picking up students safely. Please note that the front parking lot may cause delays, and we suggest using alternative routes to assist with traffic flow. Thank you.

We are currently in a busy first semester and we greatly value the support of our parents and community in creating a community of learners. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming athletic events, concerts, plays, and FFO meetings.

Sincerely,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

October 6	Half Day (Grading Day End of 1 st Quarter)
October 9-13	No School (Fall Break)
November 10	No School (Veterans Day)
November 22-24	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
December 20-22	Final Exams
Dec 25 – January 5	No School (Winter Break)
January 15	No School (MLK Day)
February 22-23	No School (Rodeo Break)
March 15	Half Day (Grading Day End of 3 rd Quarter)
March 25-29	No School (Spring Break)
May 17	Seniors Last Day
May 20-22	Final Exams (Gr. 9-11)
May 22	Graduation/Last Day of School

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From the Counseling Office

Website: <https://cfhs-counseling.cfsd16.org/>

[Suicide Prevention Month | NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness](#): September is Suicide Awareness Month.

-If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call or text 988 immediately.

-If you are uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can chat the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988lifeline.org.

ECAP/ MaiaLearning

Junior ECAP Lesson: Counselors will meet with students during English 11 classes the week of September 18. We will discuss post high school planning, college entrance exams, and using MaiaLearning as a search tool.

Fall College Planning/Prep Events

Senior App Lab: EVERY Monday from 2:25-4:00 in House 1, Room 110. Open to seniors interested in getting help with 2 and 4 year college applications.

UA/ASU/NAU "Tri-U" High School Student Workshops

<https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/high-school-student-programming>

CFHS Arizona College Consortium (AzCC) Fair - Friday, September 22, 8:30-9:30 am, Falcon Park

The AZ College Consortium consists of over 50 post-secondary institutions from Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Senior Parent College Night at CFHS - Wednesday, September 27 6:30-8:00 pm, CFHS Music Hall
All senior parents are invited for information on the "nuts and bolts" of the college application process, and breakout sessions about Financial Aid/Scholarships, applying out-of-state and using MaiaLearning as part of the process.

CFHS Coast to Coast College Night - Sunday, October 1, 6:30 pm, CFHS Music Hall
Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California-Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University have partnered together to offer insight into each school's applications and admissions process. <https://www.coasttocoasttour.org/>

TUCSON COLLEGE NIGHT - TUSD College Fair - Tuesday, Oct 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., @TCC
Huge college fair offered at the Tucson Convention Center. Students are encouraged to register for a barcode in advance. CFHS students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

"The Parent's Guide to Surviving Senior Year": Thursday, October 26 6:30 pm, CFHS Library
Managing the anxiety and stress of preparing for college and fostering self-advocacy and independence for a more successful transition.

Dr. Vicki Capin is an Educational Psychologist and a College Transition Educator and has been helping students successfully transition from High School to College for 18 years. She has created and taught a First Year Experience program and currently teaches First Year Success courses at the University of Arizona. She also works privately with high school and college students as well as adults as an ADHD Support Specialist. Additionally, as a parent of three CFHS graduates who all made it to and through

college, she understands what parents and families experience while supporting their children through this time of change.

See below for Colleges visiting CFHS through October 1. A full list is offered in MaiaLearning under the "Events" tab.

DATE	TIME	COLLEGE	CITY
9/12/23	11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	University of Arizona	Tucson, AZ
9/12/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, AZ
9/12/23	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Colby College	Waterville, ME
9/12/23	3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
9/13/23	1:00PM - 1:50PM	Scripps College	Claremont, CA
9/14/23	8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
9/21/2023	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, OH
9/21/2023	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Brandeis University	Waltham, MA
9/22/2023	8:30am - 9:30am	AZ College Consortium Fair	All over the Southwest!
9/28/23	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
9/28/23	11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
10/1/23	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Northwestern University, Princeton University, Dartmouth College, Vanderbilt University, University of California, Berkeley	Chicago, IL Princeton, NJ Hanover, NH Nashville, TN Berkeley, CA

CLASS OF 2024 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- Sept 18 Senior Breakfast- Cafeteria - 8:00 am
- Sept – Nov On-line orders for Cap and Gown and Announcements @ rembrandtgrad.com
- Oct 2 Complete “Names” [google form](#) for transcript, diploma, and graduation accuracy and preferences
- Nov 22 Last day for on-time senior Cap & Gown and Announcement orders – contact Herff Jones/Rembrandt rembrandtgrad.com
- Dec TBD Deadline for Senior Falcon Tributes submissions [2023-24 Yearbook]
- Feb 7-8 Distribution of caps & gowns on the plaza by Herff Jones/Rembrandt (pick up to wear for senior group picture)
- March 8 Senior Group Picture (graduation gowns required): 8:30 am – Stadium
- April 15 Senior Graduation Meeting– 8:30 in the Music Hall. **ALL** seniors **must** attend this **mandatory** meeting in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Attendance will be taken. Senior Announcements distributed during this meeting. “[Green Sheet](#)” and Faculty Reader/Peer Recognition forms.
- April 21 Deadline for Student Graduation [Speaker / Performer sign up](#)
- April 29 Student Graduation Speaker/Performer Auditions – 8:00 am – House 1 Seminar Room
- April 29 Deadline for college and other post high school plans “[Green Sheet](#)”
- TBD Falcon Fly Out
- May 17 Seniors’ last day
- May 20 Senior Honors Ceremony – 7:00 pm – Music Hall
(Recognizing seniors with 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA after 7th semester; invites/info will be sent by May 7)
- May 21 Graduation Practice 2:15 – 3:30 pm; start in the Auditorium. **Participation required for the ceremony.** Backpack check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm (no late bag check in)
- May 22 **Graduation Ceremony @ 7:30 pm – CFHS Stadium.** Seniors arrive at 6:30 pm for line up. **Grad Night** - Senior Celebration following the graduation ceremony.

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State & District Testing at CFHS in 2023-2024

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) is Tucson's leading educational choice for PreK-12. Academic achievement is a high priority as evidenced by test scores that exceed state and national averages. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) recognized CFSD as one of the top performing school districts in the state of Arizona, and Niche recognized CFSD with the highest ranking for a unified school district in Arizona from 2015-2022.

The district uses a variety of assessments to measure student achievement and inform instruction. Statewide achievement tests, required by federal and state law, are part of a larger local and state assessment system.

More information regarding these exams can be found under [Testing Information](#) at <https://cfsd16.org>.

Required State Testing

The ACT (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 11th grade students (required)

When: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

AzSCI (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 11th grade students (required)

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

ACT Aspire (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 9th grade students (required)

When: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

AZ Civics Test

Who: All students taking US History (required)

When: Typically in late February as determined by the US History teacher.

Note: Passing the AZ Civics Test is a graduation requirement. Students may retake as necessary.

Optional District Testing

STAMP (for AZ Seal of Biliteracy Program)

Who: Open to any 9th-12th graders who register.

When: 5 opportunities between September through January. [Click here for more information.](#)

PSAT

Who: Open to all 10th and 11th graders who [register](#) (as space permits)

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023. [Click here for more information.](#)

AP Exams

Who: Primarily open to any students currently enrolled in an AP Course at CFHS.

When: May 6, 2024 through May 17, 2024. [Click here for more information.](#)

FFO – Family Faculty Organization

FFO Contacts:

WebSite: www.cfhsffo.org

The website can also be accessed from the FFO button under the 'For Parents' tab at the top of the CFHS homepage.

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General FFO meeting dates are below. Meetings begin at 9:00am in the Library.

Meeting Dates:

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

January 23rd

February 20th

March 19th

April 16th

May 14th

Foothills Families:

September 2023

We have the best Family Faculty Organization in Tucson because of you and your willingness to donate your time, treasures, and talents.

This month, we are asking for some of your time. We know your time is limited and valuable, yet what could be a better investment of that valuable time than into your child's school?

Not sure how to volunteer? Consider one or more of these opportunities:

The FFO Staff Appreciation duo Ashleigh Kruk and Sarah Perkins, coordinate lunches, treats, and gifts each month for the staff of CFHS. Check out the sign up and see what you can do to make this year events a success! 2023-2024 CFHS Staff Appreciation [Catfoot Family signuptiongenius](#).

The College and Career Center is starting up this fall hosting a variety of colleges. We need help with greeting and monitoring their presentations. If you think this may be something you are interested in, please sign up! [CCC Volunteer Hosting signuptiongenius](#).

The FFO is in need of volunteers to fill open positions. The following positions are vacant and in need of you!

Vacant:

President Elect

Falcon Funds (our parent donation effort)

In addition, we have a few positions filled with Senior parents who will be leaving us in the Spring, you may shadow them this year and fill the positions next year.

Shadow:

Co-Chair Grad Night

Spirit Wear

Thank you for all you do to make CFHS the best place for our children to be!

Jody Ponzo

CFHS FFO (Family Faculty Organization) President

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STAMP Test Dates & Registration Info

Are you proficient in English?

Can you demonstrate proficiency in one of the following languages?

Spanish, Mandarin Chinese (Simplified or Traditional), Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, American Sign Language (ASL)

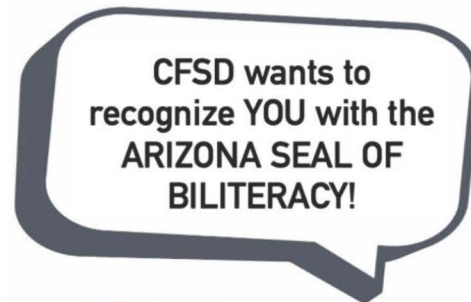


Demonstrate your foreign language proficiency by taking the STAMP Test and work towards adding the Arizona Seal of Biliteracy to your Diploma and Transcript!

Scan for Registration and Eligibility Information



bit.ly/CFHS-STAMP



REGISTRATION DEADLINE (by noon on)	FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE (by noon on)	TEST DATES	LOCATION & TIME
August 29	September 1	Friday, September 8	HOUSE 2 - ROOM 403 8:45 AM The STAMP Test is untimed; testers moving at their own pace. Average test time is 3 hours. Exam starts before school. Bring your own lunch in the event you test through cafeteria service.
October 17	October 20	Friday, October 27	
November 6	November 9	Friday, November 17	
November 28	December 1	Friday, December 8	
January 9	January 12	Friday, January 19	

REGISTER EARLY - Seats are limited and additional sessions are NOT available.

Cost is \$22.90 for most languages. Prices for all languages can be found on the registration form.
 Test Coordinator - Justin Robinson (jrobinson@cfhd16.org)

PSAT

CFHS
10th & 11th
Graders!

Wednesday,
October 25, 2023

The PSAT is the official practice SAT and also the qualifying test for juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Any Juniors, and any interested Sophomores, may register as space allows. If necessary, priority will be given to Juniors.

Cost: \$25.00

Time: 8:30am~12:00pm on October 25.

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2023.

Space is limited.
Register soon!



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